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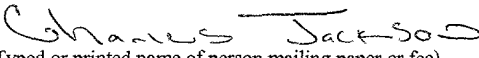
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 37.

Please amend claims 22, 23, 66, 69, and 92 follows:

22. (Amended) A system according to claim 20, wherein the said material is audio/visual material.

23. (Amended) A system according to claim 20, wherein the said material is audio material.

66. (Amended) A system comprising a data processing apparatus arranged to

- a) transfer, to a server via a communications network, data identifying watermarked material and a request for removal data enabling the removal of the watermark from the identified material; and
- b) receive the removal data; and

apparatus for removing said watermark, comprising:

- a first port for receiving the said watermarked material; and
- a second port for receiving watermark removal data.

69. (Amended) A signal ensemble comprising a signal according to claim 67 and a separate signal including the watermarked material.

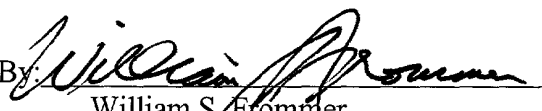
92. (Amended) A method or system according to claim 74, wherein the said material is video material.

REMARKS

Claim 37 has been cancelled. Claims 1-36 and 38-96 remain in the application. Claims 22, 23, 66, 69, and 92 have been amended. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”** The filing fee has been calculated in accordance with this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

In the Claims

22. (Amended) A system according to claim 26 20, wherein the said material is audio/visual material.

23. (Amended) A system according to claim 26 20, wherein the said material is audio material.

66. (Amended) A ~~watermark removal~~ system comprising ~~apparatus any one of claims 62 to 65 and an apparatus or system according to claim 58~~ a data processing apparatus arranged to

a) transfer, to a server via a communications network, data identifying watermarked material and a request for removal data enabling the removal of the watermark from the identified material; and

b) receive the removal data; and

apparatus for removing said watermark, comprising:

a first port for receiving the said watermarked material; and

a second port for receiving watermark removal data

69. (Amended) A signal ensemble comprising a signal according to claim 66 67 and a separate signal including the watermarked material.

92. (Amended) A method or system according to claim 4 74, wherein the said material is video material.